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SUBJECT: ADB TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PHILIPPINES FOR
FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

SUMMARY: ON MARCH 31, 1978 THE PRESIDENT OF THE ADB
APPROVED A DOLS 93,000 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) GRANT
TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO PREPARE AN INTE-
GRATED FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. TA IS JOINTLY
FUNDED BY FAO WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE DOLS 82,000 OUT OF
THE TOTAL COST OF DOLS 199,000. THE PHILIPPINES WILL
PROVIDE THE REMAINING DOLS 24,000. END SUMMARY.

1. FISH IS THE PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF ANIMAL PROTEIN IN
THE PHILIPPINES DIET AND ALSO A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF
FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS FOR THE COUNTRY. TOTAL FISH
PRODUCTION DOUBLED FROM 0.7 MILLION M.T. TO 1.4 MILLION
M.T. DURING THE DECADE BETWEEN 1966 AND 1976. DURING
THE SAME PERIOD, AVERAGE PER CAPITA FISH CONSUMPTION
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INCREASED BY 32 PERCENT FROM 25 KG. TO 33 KG. THE
FISHERY SECTOR PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE NATIONAL
ECONOMY. ITS CONTRIBUTION TO GDP AMOUNTED TO PESOS
6.1 BILLION OR 4.7 PERCENT IN 1976 AT CURRENT MARKET
PRICES. IT PROVIDES DIRECT EMPLOYMENT FOR 795,000
PERSONS INCLUDING 176,000 FISH FARMERS, A TOTAL OF
5 PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL LABOR FORCE.

2. THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS REQUISITE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COORDINATED FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND TO THE PREPARATION OF A HIGH PRIORITY INTEGRATED FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN TWO STAGES. THE FIRST STAGE INVOLVES A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE FISHERY SECTOR AND WILL ENCOMPASS: (A) THE EXAMINATION OF FISHERY RESOURCES, EXISTING FISHERIES PRACTICES, INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES, MARKETING MECHANISMS, MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS AND FISHERIES INSTITUTIONS, WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING FISHERIES POTENTIAL IN THE PHILIPPINES, CONSTRAINTS TO DEVELOPMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS; (B) A REVIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FIVE-YEAR INTEGRATED FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN (1978-1982); (C) FURTHER EXAMINATION OF FOUR PROJECT PROPOSALS PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER POTENTIAL FISHERIES PROJECTS; AND (D) THE DETERMINATION OF THE RELATIVE PRIORITY OF EACH PROJECT EXAMINED. BASED ON TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT, THE BANK AND THE TEAM OF EXPERTS UNDERTAKING THE SECTOR STUDY, THE TEAM WILL, IN THE SECOND STAGE OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, PREPARE A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF AN INTEGRATED FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR POSSIBLE FINANCING BY THE BANK.

3. THE ADB MISSION IDENTIFIED FOUR PROJECTS THAT COULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE CONSIDERED AS COMPONENTS OF AN INTEGRATED FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. THESE PROJECT PROPOSALS ARE THE CORON/TAGUMPAY FISHERIES PROJECT WHICH SEEKS TO ORGANIZE FISHERMEN COOPERATIVES IN NORTHERN PALAWAN AND TO ESTABLISH ONSHORE FACILITIES TO ASSIST IN MARKETING OF FISH; THE BAYAWAN FISHERIES PROJECT, UNDER WHICH BASIC SHORE FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ESTABLISHING FISHERY COMMUNITIES IN NEGROS UNDER A COOPERATIVE FISH MARKETING SCHEME; THE LAMBAKLAD PILOT FISHING PROJECT, UNDER WHICH THE LAMBAKLAD FISHING METHOD WILL BE INTRODUCED TO FISHERMEN COOPERATIVES TO BE LOCATED IN SIX PROVINCES; AND, THE SMALLHOLDER FISHPOND ESTATE PROJECT, WHICH AIMS TO DEVELOP SWAMP AREAS INTO FISHPONDS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SMALLHOLDERS FOR FISH FARMING IN FIVE PROVINCES.

4. IN PREPARING THE DETAILED FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR AN INTEGRATED FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, THE LOCATION OF THE PROJECT AREA WILL BE EXAMINED TAKING INTO ACCOUNT INTER-ALIA: (A) AVAILABILITY OF FISHERIES RESOURCES; (B) SUITABILITY OF ENVIRONMENT; (C) AVAILABILITY OF WATER AND POWER SUPPLY; (D) EXISTING FISHING AND AQUACULTURE PRACTICES AND; (E) NEED FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT

IN THE AREA.

5. THE COMPONENTS OF AN INTEGRATED PROJECT MAY INCLUDE SOME OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: (I) FOR MARINE FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT: (A) MODERNIZATION OF EXISTING FISHING VESSELS AND GEAR AS WELL AS PROVISION OF NEW VESSELS AND IMPROVED GEAR; (B) INTRODUCTION OF NEW FISHING TECHNIQUES INCLUDING TRAP NETS; (C) ESTABLISHMENT OF SHORE FACILITIES; (D) ESTABLISHMENT OF A FISH MARKETING SYSTEM; AND (E) CONSULTING SERVICES; (II) FOR INLAND FISHERIES/AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT: (A) IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING AQUACULTURE PRACTICES; (B) ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALLHOLDER FISHPONDS IN SWAMPLANDS; (C) ESTABLISHMENT

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OF FISH SEED BANKS; AND (D) CONSULTING SERVICES.

6. THE TOTAL COST OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS ESTIMATED AT DOLS 199,000 EQUIVALENT, OF WHICH ABOUT DOLS 175,000 WOULD BE IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND THE REMAINDER IN LOCAL CURRENCY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COST SHARING ARRANGEMENTS AGREED UPON BETWEEN FAO AND THE BANK UNDER THE JUNE 1968 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (DOCUMENT R11-68), IT WAS AGREED THAT FAO WILL FINANCE DOLS 82,000 AND THE BANK'S SHARE WILL BE DOLS 93,000. THE LATTER FIGURE CONSISTS OF 50 PERCENT OF COSTS FOR REMUNERATION, PER DIEM, TRAVEL, MISCELLANEOUS AND AN ADDITIONAL 10 PERCENT OF REMUNERATION AS THE BANK'S CONTRIBUTION TO

FAO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. THE BREAKDOWN OF THE
FOREIGN EXCHANGE IS SET OUT BELOW:

-	ITEM	TOTAL	ADB SHARE
-	1. REMUNERATION	DOLS 108,000	DOLS 54,000

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-	2. PER DIEM	28,000	14,000
-	3. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL	18,000	9,000
-	4. MISCELLANEOUS	10,200	5,200
-	5. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	10,800	10,800
-	TOTAL	DOLS 175,000	DOLS 93,000

7. THE REQUIRED LOCAL CURRENCY FUNDS FOR THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, ESTIMATED AT DOLS 24,000 EQUIVALENT, WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO MEET THE EXPENSES FOR: (A) OFFICE SPACE, OFFICE SUPPLIES AND SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE; AND (B) ALL LOCAL TRAVEL INCLUDING DAILY TRANSPORTATION. THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO PROVIDE SENIOR OFFICIALS AS COUNTERPARTS TO ASSIST IN CARRYING OUT THE STUDIES UNDER THE PROPOSED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. THE BREAKDOWN OF THE LOCAL CURRENCY COST IS AS FOLLOWS:

-	ITEM	AMOUNT
-	1. SECRETARIAL SERVICES	DOLS 3,000
-	2. FURNISHED OFFICE SPACE	3,000
-	3. DOMESTIC TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS	13,000
-	4. OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,800
-	5. CONTINGENCY (ABOUT 15 PERCENT)	3,200
-	TOTAL	DOLS 24,000

8. A TEAM OF SIX EXPERTS FROM FAO INVESTMENT CENTER, COMPRISING AN INSTITUTIONAL EXPERT, A MARINE FISHERIES EXPERT, AN ONSHORE FACILITIES EXPERT, AN AQUACULTURE EXPERT, A MARKETING EXPERT, AND AN ECONOMIST/FINANCIAL ANALYST, WILL SPEND A TOTAL OF 24 MAN-MONTHS ON SECTOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANALYSIS AND PROJECT PREPARATION. THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN A PERIOD OF FIVE MONTHS, THAT IS BY ABOUT AUGUST 1978.

9. THE EXECUTING AGENCY FOR THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR). IN CARRYING OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITY, DNR WILL BE ASSISTED BY A COORDINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA), THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & TELECOMMUNICATIONS (DPWTC), THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (DOF), THE BUREAU OF FISHERIES & AQUATIC RESOURCES (BFAR), THE FISHERY INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (FIDC), AND THE PHILIPPINE FISH MARKET AUTHORITY (PFMA). THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE THE SECRETARY OF DNR OR HIS DESIGNEE. LEFES

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